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S.B. No. 336

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the qualifications for appointment as a medical examiner.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 2, Article 49.25, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2. APPOINTMENTS AND QUALIFICATIONS. (a) The commissioners court shall appoint the medical examiner, who serves ~~[shall serve]~~ at the pleasure of the commissioners court. A ~~[No]~~ person ~~[shall be]~~ appointed as the medical examiner must be:

(1) ~~[unless he is]~~ a physician licensed by the Texas Medical ~~[State]~~ Board; or

(2) a person who:

(A) is licensed and in good standing as a physician in another state; and

(B) has applied to the Texas Medical Board for a license to practice medicine in this state ~~[of Medical Examiners]~~.

(b) To the greatest extent possible, the medical examiner shall be appointed from persons having training and experience in pathology, toxicology, histology and other medico-legal sciences.

(c) The medical examiner shall devote the ~~[so much of his]~~ time and energy ~~[as is]~~ necessary to perform ~~[in the performance of]~~ the duties conferred by this Article.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.